by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Nothing objectionable was found in the document. Hence, text books based on the new curriculum have been released. It is upto the States and Boards of School Education to design their syllabi by adopting/adapting from the NCFSE.

Withdrawal of NCERT text books

2450. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States in the country, which have requested Government to withdraw the NCERT text books;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has also requested to withdraw the National Curriculum Framework, imposed by the Centre; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) While the Chief Minister of Karnataka expressed reservation on National Curriculum Framework for School Education on the grounds of lacking transparency, consultation and consensus, its Education Minister informed that most of the recommendations were favourable for implementation. But no specific request from any State to withdraw the NCERT text books has been received by the Government. It is upto the State Government/ Board of School Education to adopt or adapt the new curriculum with or without modifications or prepare its own.

Sarva Siksha Abhiyan

2451. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan proposes to put all children between 6—14 years in the country to school, by 2003;

(b) if so, the details of the programme and the achievements, so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of States and Union Territories have not responded with their perspective plans, thereby putting the programme in jeopardy;